I. Introduction

Claims 10-19 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated Sept. 28, 2004, the Examiner objected to Claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 due to insufficient antecedent basis. Further, Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipate by U.S. Pat. No. 5,159,447 ("Haskell"). Finally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 10-16 are allowed.

In this Amendment, Claim 17 has been amended and Claim 19 has been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 17 and 18, and withdrawal of the rejection to Claims 17 and 18 in light of the following remarks.

II. Haskell Does Not Render the Currently Claimed Invention Unpatentable

Amended Claim 17 is directed to a system for reconstructing an image sequence originally encoded in a variable bit rate ("VBR") representation. Amended Claim 17 recites an element that receives a second representation of the image sequence comprising a *header* with data indicating time intervals. In contrast, Haskell teaches a system where information such as data indicating a start and end of a packet is communicated between components of the system via a *direct link* that is separate from an encoded video image. Therefore, Haskell necessarily does not render the currently claimed invention unpatentable due to the fact Haskell does not teach at least the limitation of a second representation of an image sequence comprising a *header* with data indicating time intervals. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

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